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SUBJECT: VISIT OF TURKISH SENATORS

1. DEPARTMENT OFFICER MARCH 21 AT TURKISH EMBASSY SOCIAL
FUNCTION HAD LONG CONVERSATION WITH TURKISH SENATORS BATUR
(RPP) AND ADALI (JP) ON PRESENT STATE US-TURKISH RELATIONS
AND US INTENTIONS REGARDING DCA. AMBASSADOR ESENBEL WAS
ALSO PRESENT.

2. BATUR WAS THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE TWO SENATORS, BUT IT WAS
QUITE CLEAR THAT DESPITE PARTY DIFFERENCES, THEIR VIEWS ON
TOPICS TREATED WERE IDENTICAL. BATUR DESCRIBED AT LENGTH
PRESENT TURKISH ATTITUDES TOWARD US AND TOWARD NATO, USING
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SAME THEMES AS THOSE OF GOT OFFICIALS IN ANKARA. THERE WAS
INTENSE PROBING OF US INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO DCA, IN-
CLUDING REPEATED QUESTIONS OF WHAT WE WOULD DO IF ECEVIT
DECIDED NOT TO PUT FORWARD CYPRUS PROPOSALS BY THE TIME OF
THE CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT
IN REMARKS MADE BY THE TWO TURKISH SENATORS WAS THAT BOTH
WERE VERY WORRIED AT THE PRESENT SITUATION AND AT THE CON-

CLUSIONS WHICH THEY BELIEVED TURKEY WOULD BE COMPELLED TO
DRAW, IF US, IN THEIR WORDS, TURNED ITS BACK ON A FAITHFUL
DEMOCRATIC ALLY.

3. DEPARTMENT OFFICER DECLINED TO SPECULATE ON USG COURSE
OF ACTION. HE NOTED THAT NO DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN AND
CITED USUAL FACTORS THAT WOULD INFLUENCE THE DECISION-MAKING
PROCESS, BUT EMPHASIZED OUR POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD
ECEVIT'S STATEMENTS AND OUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOOD FAITH
WHICH UNDERLAY THEM. ON ECONOMIC MATTERS, DEPARTMENT OFFI-
CER TOOK THE OCCASION TO EMPHASIZE THAT TURKISH LAWS AND
REGULATIONS MADE TURKEY A COMPARATIVELY UNATTRACTIVE PLACE
FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS. VANCE

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